Damage due to heavy rains

*183. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent torrential rains in the Western Ghats as also in the States of Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh have caused an extensive damage to the farmers and several lives have been lost; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to give relief to the affected farmers as also the families of those killed in the floods?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Recent monsoon rains in the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Orissa, etc. have so far claimed 720 human lives and affected a cropped area of 8.13 lakh hectares.

(b) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, State Governments undertake relief measures using the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund. State Governments provide financial assistance for loss of life/crop damage, emergency relief to the affected population besides other assistance for restoration of economic activities in accordance with the provisions contained in their Relief Manuals/Codes etc.

Construction of dams and canals in States

*184. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases for the construction of dams and canals together with the cases where the canals have been completed, but the construction work of dams is still under way; State-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for the non-completion of construction work of these dams;

(c) when will Government envisage to complete the construction of these dams; and

(d) what will be the total hectareage which is likely to be irrigated on completion of the dams?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): ¶

Statement

(a) to (d) State-wise details of on-going major and medium Irrigation Projects as at the beginning of VIII Plan is as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Projects		Ultimate Irrigation Potential in Thousand Hectares	
		Major	Medium	Major	Medium
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	12	18	1948	142
2	Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..
3	Assam	5	6	166	46